

Amendments to the Specification:

At page one, after the title and before the first sentence, please insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,648, filed on September 29, 2000; which claims priority from European Patent Application No. EP 99203195.5, filed on September 30, 1999; both which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

At page one, before line 1 and after the above-inserted paragraph entitled "Related Applications," please insert the following subheadings:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

At page one, between lines 4 and 5 insert --

2. Description of the Related Art --

At page two, between lines 17 and 18, insert --

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

At page two, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A and 1B depict scanning electron micrographs of a cross-section of protein loaded PEG/PBT fibers. (A) depicts 500x magnification and (B) depicts 2000x magnification.

Figures 2A-2D depict scanning electron micrographs of the structure of structure of protein loaded PEG/PBT fiber meshes. (A) and (C) depict cross sections. (B) and (D) depict surface morphology.

Figure 3 graphically depicts the total protein release from bonded fiber meshes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --